

# Political Cartoons

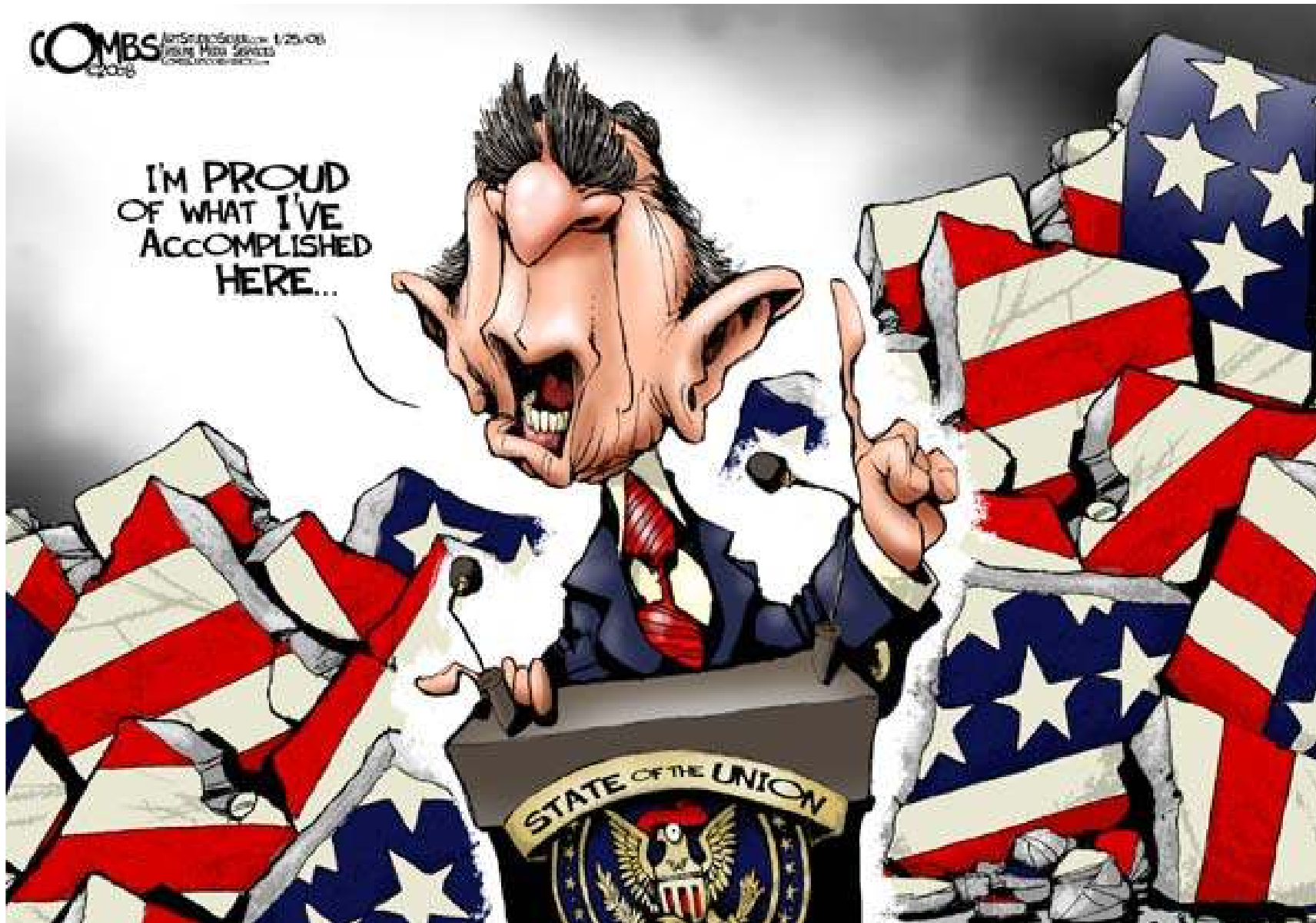
Search for 4 political cartoons. Cut out the cartoon, attach it to your paper, number each Cartoon #\_\_\_, and then answer the 3 questions below for EACH cartoon.

- 1. Identify and Explain the key elements used in the Political Cartoon
- 2. What message is the illustrator trying to share with the reader? Explain.
- 3. How might this cartoon influence readers? Explain.

# Example

## Cartoon #1

Combs, Paul. "State of the Union: Tribune Media Services." Daryl Cagle's Professional Cartoonists Index. 25 Jan. 2008. 6 Mar. 2008 <<http://www.cagle.msnbc.com/news/StateUnion08/1.asp>>.



- **1. Identify and Explain the key elements used in the Political Cartoon**
- *The key elements that are used in this cartoon include symbolism (U.S. Flag; Presidential Seal), recognizable icons (President Bush), exaggerated features (President Bush's ears, face, and eyebrows), and satire (the broken flag and Bush's comment).*
- **2. What message is the illustrator trying to share with the reader? Explain.**
- *The illustrator is implying that President Bush has destroyed the U.S., but he is not fully aware of the damage he has caused and continues to "pat himself on the back" for his great accomplishments.*
- **3. How might this cartoon influence readers? Explain.**
- *Bush supporters may see it as another attempt to discredit the President. Others may feel that it confirms their own opinions about the status of the country. Others may begin to see the U.S. as weak and divided instead of united.*